

Detailed Program Description for ACVD Website

1. Program name and location:

ASECVET, LLC: Home Office Doylestown PA 18902; 609-432-8629
dermatologyvet@gmail.com; www.dermforpets.com

Practice Locations

Levittown, PA; Raritan NJ; and Tinton Falls, NJ

BluePearl-Levittown (formerly Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center - VSEC)

24 hour Emergency and Referral Hospital
301 Veterans Hwy, Levittown, PA 19056
(215) 750-7884 www.vsecvet.com
(<https://bluepearlvet.com/hospital/vsec-levittown-pa/>)

Animerge 24/7 Animal Emergency and Specialty Care (PetVet Cares)

21 U.S. Hwy. 206
Raritan, NJ 08869
(908) 707-9077 www.animergevets.com

Garden State Veterinary Specialists (GSVS)

One Pine Street
Tinton Falls, NJ 07753
(732) 922-0011 www.gsvs.org

2. Is the program currently on ACVD Probation? **No**

If yes, please describe the reasons for probation, what is being done to correct them and when the program is scheduled to be off probation?

3. Mentor(s):

a. **Name:** Ian Brett Spiegel, VMD, MHS, DACVD

1. Years in ACVD: 16 years

2. Years as Mentor: 0

b. **Alternate Mentor**

Jeff W. Vogel, DVM

Diplomate American College of Veterinary Dermatology
Vogel Veterinary Dermatology; North Hampton, NH, 03862;
www.vogelvetderm.com; (603) 379-8383

4. Specific requirements for applying to the program:

- Be a graduate of an AVMA approved veterinary college or school or a graduate of an accredited and recognized school from another country.
- Have completed a one-year internship or satisfactory practice equivalency (5 years of practice). Completion of a dermatology internship is preferred, but not essential.
- Have approval to practice veterinary medicine in a state of the United States of America, province of Canada, or country of citizenship.

- Be of satisfactory professional moral and ethical character.
- Be comfortable with writing and speaking English.
- Be a member of the AVMA.
- Be willing to obtain a license to practice veterinary medicine in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.
- Be willing to travel/commute to the locations served by ASECVET, LLC for dermatology care (likely live in Pennsylvania central to all locations).
- Be of satisfactory moral and ethical character. The candidate must be honest and truthful. Use of illicit drugs, addiction to prescription drugs, and excessive alcohol use will not be tolerated. The applicant must have a clean record free of domestic violence and must not have a conviction for cruelty to or neglect of animals.

5. Length of residency in years: **3 years**

6. Is a Master's degree or PhD required? If so, which? **No**

7. When the residency was first offered? **2021**

a. Has it been continuous since then?

b. If not continual what years was the residency offered?

8. How many residents have been accepted into the program since inception? **1**

a. How many of these have become board certified dermatologists? **N/A**

9. What is the average annual dermatology caseload for the institution over the past 5 years?

ASECVET, LLC receives and manages at least 3,850 cases per year. Currently, each week ASECVET, LLC receives about 80 cases/week (18-22 new cases and 58-62 rechecks and nurse visits (still examined by a veterinarian). This means the service receives about 320. There are approximately 720 to 960 new cases per year and 3,000 to 3,360 rechecks per year. There is a very high caseload, and this is increasing more each year.

10. What is the average total caseload seen the entire residency?

11,550 cases (average cases annually times the number of years of residency)

11. On average, how many new patients, rechecks and consults does the program see per year? (actual numbers of cases)

There are approximately 720 to 960 new cases per year and 3,000 to 3,360 rechecks per year

12. On average, what percentage of the program's cases are dogs and cats?

Regarding cats and dogs, approximately 80% of the cases are dogs and 20% cats.

13. On average, how many exotic, equine and farm animal cases does the program see per year?

While the majority of cases seen are dogs and cats, there will be an effort made to gain exposure to horses and farm animals if/when possible.

14. What percentage of time is the mentor in clinics with the resident while the resident is seeing cases during the residency:

The mentor contact time in clinics with first year residents will 95%. In the very unlikely event that the resident was seeing a case and the mentor was not actually present in the clinic, the resident would have direct access to the mentor via telephone/Facetime/TeleVet and/or the mentor and co-educator would be able to come to the hospital if needed withing 90 minutes. During the first year of the program, the resident will receive cases in the clinic alongside the mentor and/or co-educator every day. During the second and third years of the residency, the resident would also have direct supervision at least 85% and 75% of the time respectively.

The mentor and co-educator will be available to the resident if she/he have questions or and difficulties with their clinical cases.

(This means that the mentor is either physically seeing patients with the resident or can be contacted by phone and available to see the case within one hour of being called.)

15. Does the program have access to other specialists? If so, please list:

Between the three hospitals ASECVET, LLC practices out of, there are virtually specialists in all areas: **Internal Medicine, Oncology, Surgery, Radiology, Cardiology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Critical Care, Anesthesiology, etc.**

16. Please describe your library access:

The resident will have Journal access through the ACVD electronic library as well as the onsite library of all current dermatologic (both veterinary and human) texts. Also, the resident will have full access (provided) to VIN, which also has access to many resources. On weekdays, 9am-5pm, The Atwood Library, at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is open to the general public (valid photo ID presented to the security desk in Ryan Hospital lobby at 3900 Spruce Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). The resident will have ample time to go to the library during allotted independent non-clinical days.

17. Does the program have statistical support for their residents' research projects?

Not directly, but ASECVET, LLC is willing to compensate outside support when/if needed.

18. Does the program have direct access to any basic science or clinical science laboratories that the resident can use for research proposes? **No** If yes, please describe the types of laboratories available and interactions that the resident may have with them.

19. How often do the residents and mentors have the following rounds? *(For each type of rounds, please list how often they are held, how long each session is, and a detailed description of how they are conducted.)*

- a. Case rounds: **For interesting cases, time will be set aside on educational training days to dig deeper into the details of that particular case. For these formal case rounds, the resident will be expected to come to the rounds with information about the said case. There will also be informal case rounds each day/week as needed. In addition to this, the mentor and co-educator will oversee all discharge statements and referral letters to ensure accuracy and to allow for further discussion on the decisions made for each case. A minimum of 4 hours per month will be allotted for case rounds.**
- b. Journal club: **A minimum of 4 hours of journal club/book review per month.**
- c. Histopathology training: **4 hours of histopathology per month (mostly) during educational training days and approximately 2 additional hours throughout the month on case-by-case basis. Also, approximately 1 week each year will be allotted for the resident to spend direct time training with Dr. Verena Affolter and ASECVET, LLC will pay the expenses.**

d. Basic science learning rounds: 2-4 hours of basic science/disease-based reviews during ETDs on-site with; 4 additional (supplemental) hours (outside of the allotted time with ASECEVT,LLC) with Dr. Valarie Fadok)

20. Resident's benefits: (Please give a general list of benefits and then whom a potential candidate should contact to get more specific information on salary and benefit packages)

- **Competitive Salary**
- **50% Paid Health Insurance**
- **100% Paid Life and Disability**
- **401K**
- **Vacation – 2 weeks + NAVDF**

21. Does the program allow the resident to attend the NAVDF (North American Veterinary Dermatology Forum) meeting annually? **Yes**

22. Does the program pay for the resident to attend the NAVDF meeting annually? **Yes**

23. Average number of days a resident will spend on clinics per month: **18-20**

24. Average number of days a resident will spend on non-clinical pursuits per month (not including Sundays or holidays): **4**

25. Does the resident have to take general medicine emergency duty? **No**

If so how often:

26. Does the resident take Dermatology emergency duty? **Rare**

If so how often: **rare, usually consulting remotely**

27. Is time allotted for externships in other subspecialties or at other dermatology practices? If so explain: **While the majority of the clinical training will be supervised by the mentor and co-educator from ASECVET, LLC, the resident will be permitted to spend up to two weeks a year working with another dermatologist or the resident can spend time rotating through internal medicine or a specialty of their choice.**

28. How much time is allotted off clinics for board preparation? **Boards are several months after residency is complete.**

29. How much time is allotted to carry out a research project (grant writing, data collection, paper preparation) during the residency (please report in number of weeks)? **As much as is needed, but at least 8 weeks.**

30. What are the other responsibilities/duties of the resident?

- **During clinical training days, the resident will work closely with the technicians, specialty intern, co-educator and mentor. The resident will be expected to review referral records provided, obtain a detailed history, perform a physical examination, determine and perform the appropriate diagnostic tests indicated, and determine the treatments. The resident will perform biopsies, mass removals, skin tests, ear flushes, etc.). Initially, these procedures will all be performed under the direct supervision of mentor and/or co-educator.**
- **In-house cases will be the primary responsibility of the resident.**
- **The resident will have the responsibility of completing the medical records, creating discharge statements, reviewing the plan/discharges with the client, and composing a referral letter for each patient. The resident will also be expected to play a very active role in communicating with referring doctors, clients, and coworkers (technicians, veterinarians, support staff). The resident will be expected to call back clients and referring veterinarians in a timely manner.**

31. How many residents has the program had over the past 10 years? **0**

32. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed credentials on the: **N/A**

- a. First submission?
- b. Second submission?
- c. Third submission or more?
- d. Never passed credentials?

33. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) sat boards for the first time: **N/A**

- a. The year they finished their residency?
- b. One year after finishing their residency?
- c. Two or more years after finishing?
- d. They never took boards?

34. How many/what percentage of the above residents (question 31) passed the board exam on their: **N/A**

- a. First time taking the exam?
- b. Second time taking the exam?

- c. Third time or more taking the exam?
- d. Never passed?

35. Is your residency program reviewed by an outside committee at your university? **No** If yes, how often?

36. Please list the papers published by your last 5 residents. **N/A**

37. Names of your last 5 residents and whether they are willing to be contacted by potential residents: None